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Response to Amendment

The Examiner acknowledges the receipt of the Applicant's amendment filed on 08/14/2007. Claims 4-8, 14-20 and 24 have been canceled. Claims 1, 9-13, 21-23 have been amended. Claims 25-30 have been added. **Claims 1-3, 9-13, 21-23, and 25-30** are therefore currently pending in the present application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 9-13, 21-23, and 25-30 are allowed.

Consider **claim 1**, the best prior art of record found during the examination of the present application, Gerlach (U.S. Patent # 6,518,855) in view of Khabbaz (U.S. Patent # 6,351,183), fail to specifically teach, suggest or disclose a single-die integrated circuit for switching among a plurality of transmission ports and a plurality of received reports, comprising: a transmitter switching section having a plurality of transmission ports, said transmitter switching section operable to switch a selected one of the plurality of transmission ports to a transmission node wherein, *for each transmission port, the transmission switching section includes a plurality of FETs having current paths coupled in series with each other and operable to couple the transmission port to the transmission node, wherein a first one of the FETs proximate the respective transmission port has a current path with a first end coupled to the transmission port and a gate; a first feed-forward capacitor coupled between said first end of said current path and said gate of said first one of the FETs*; and a receiver switching section having a plurality of received ports, said receiver switching section operable to switch a selected one of the plurality of received reports to the transmission node.

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Gerlach teach semiconductor switching elements such as field effect transistors which are integrated on a circuit in the form of a Monolithic Microwave Circuit. The circuit is connected to at least two transmitting apparatuses and at least two receiving apparatuses in which case the transmitters and receivers respectively differ in that they operate on different frequency bands (column 1 lines 41-67 and column 2 lines 20-54). Gerlach also teach a first transmitter which is used for frequency band 1, is connected to antenna 1, the receiver for frequency band 2 is connected to antenna 2. The circuit is constructed monolithically in an integrated manner. The switch 1 is formed by FETS 9 to 12. FETs 9 and 11 as well as 10 and 12, respectively, are working together to connect Tx Band 1 or TX Band 2 with terminal Tx. FETs 9 and 12 are controlled by varying the gate potential, FETs 11 and 10 are controlled by varying the potentials of the source of the drain (column 3 lines 18-62).

Khabbaz teach a switched amplifying device according to an embodiment of the present invention designed to amplify over a 1.8 GHz to 2 GHz frequency band and having two gain stages in a cascade configuration. The dual gain stage embodiment of the switched amplifying device comprises the amplifying FET (8), which in the dual gain stage embodiment is termed a first amplifying FET (8), and a second amplifying FET (108). The first amplifying FET (8) produces an amplified signal at the drain (9). The switched amplifying device further comprises a second amplifying FET having a gate (111) which is coupled to receive and further amplify the amplified signal to achieve higher gain than in the single gain stage embodiment shown in FIG. 4 of the drawings. The drain (9) of the first amplifying FET (8) is connected to the gate (111) of the second amplifying FET (108) through a matching series capacitor (50) (Figure 8, column 6 lines 55-67 and column 7 lines 1-40).

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These teachings clearly differ from the present application, therefore, claim 1 is considered novel and non-obvious over the prior art and therefore is allowed.

Claims 2-3, 9, and 25-27 depend on allowable claim 1, therefore these claims are also allowed.

Consider **claim 10**, the best prior art of record found during the examination of the present application, Gerlach (U.S. Patent # 6,518,855) in view of Khabbaz (U.S. Patent # 6,351,183), fail to specifically teach, suggest or disclose a single-die multiband switch for wireless communication, comprising: an antenna port; a plurality of transmitter ports, for each transmitter port a switching topology operable to switch the transmitter port to the antenna port; and a plurality of received ports, a switching topology operable to switch a selected one of said receiver ports to the antenna port, said switching topologies comprising a multiple-stage switching circuit, *a first stage of the multiple-stage switching circuit selectively connecting or isolating the antenna port from the multiple-stage switching topology, and a last stage of the multiple-stage switching topology selectively connecting or isolating a plurality of the receiver ports from the multi-stage switching topology*, wherein said last stage includes, for each receiver port, *a signal path FET having a current path controllable to connect the receiver port to an intermediate node*, said first stage operable to connect the intermediate node to the antenna port, and *wherein each said signal path FET has a gate to which a control signal is applied, a shunt FET having a drain coupled to the gate of the signal path FET, a source coupled to ground*, and operable to enhance isolation of the receiver port from the intermediate node when the signal path FET is in and OFF state.

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These teachings clearly differ from the present application, therefore, claim 10 is considered novel and non-obvious over the prior art and therefore is allowed.

Claims 11-13 depend on allowable claim 10, therefore these claims are also allowed.

Consider **claim 21**, the best prior art of record found during the examination of the present application, Gerlach (U.S. Patent # 6,518,855) in view of Khabbaz (U.S. Patent # 6,351,183), fail to specifically teach, suggest or disclose a method of switching one of a plurality of transmitters and a plurality of receivers to a transmitter/receiver antenna, comprising the steps of: connecting each transmitter to a respective one of the plurality of transmitter ports formed on a single integrated circuit die; connecting each receiver to a respective one of a plurality of received reports formed on the die; controlling a selected one of a plurality of switching topologies~ each associated with a respective one of the transmitter and receiver ports~ to connect a respective selected one of the transmitter and receiver ports to an antenna port formed on the die; and controlling other ones of the switching topologies to isolate others of the transmitter and receiver ports from the antenna port; *for a selected one of the receiver or transmitter ports, switching a transistor having a signal path between an associated one of the receiver or transmitter ports and the antenna to an ON state to pass a signal from said associated receiver or transmitter port through said current path of the signal path transistor; turning off an associated shunt transistor having a drain connected to a gate of the at least one signal path transistor so as to isolate the gate from ground; for at least one other receiver or transmitter port, switching a transistor having a signal path between an associated one of the receiver or transmitter ports and the antenna to an OFF state; and turning on an associated shunt transistor having a drain connected to a gate of the at least one other signal path*

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transistor such that the gate is coupled to ground so as to enhance the isolation of the at least one other receiver or transmitter port from the associated receiver or transmitter port.

Therefore, claim 21 is considered novel and non-obvious over Gerlach in view of Khabbaz, therefore claim 21 is allowed.

Claims 22-23 depend on allowable claim 21, therefore claims 22-23 are also allowed.

Consider **claim 28**, the best prior art of record found during the examination of the present application, Gerlach (U.S. Patent # 6,518,855) in view of Khabbaz (U.S. Patent # 6,351,183), fail to specifically teach, suggest or disclose a single-die integrated circuit for switching among a plurality of transmission ports and a plurality of received reports, comprising: a transmitter switching section having a plurality of transmission ports, said transmitter switching section operable to switch a selected one of the plurality of transmission ports to a transmission node wherein, for each transmission port, *the transmission switching section includes a plurality of FETs having current paths coupled in series with each other and operable to couple the transmission port to the transmission node, wherein a last one of the FETs proximate the transmission node has a current path with a first end coupled to the transmission node and a gate; a first feed-forward capacitor coupled between said first end of said current path and said gate of said last one of the FETs*; and a receiver switching section having a plurality of received ports, said receiver control section operable to switch a selected one of the plurality of received reports to the transmission node.

Gerlach teach semiconductor switching elements such as field effect transistors which are integrated on a circuit in the form of a Monolithic Microwave Circuit. The circuit is connected to at least two transmitting apparatuses and at least two receiving apparatuses in which case the

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transmitters and receivers respectively differ in that they operate on different frequency bands (column 1 lines 41-67 and column 2 lines 20-54). Gerlach also teach a first transmitter which is used for frequency band 1, is connected to antenna 1, the receiver for frequency band 2 is connected to antenna 2. The circuit is constructed monolithically in an integrated manner. The switch 1 is formed by FETS 9 to 12. FETs 9 and 11 as well as 10 and 12, respectively, are working together to connect Tx Band 1 or TX Band 2 with terminal Tx. FETs 9 and 12 are controlled by varying the gate potential, FETs 11 and 10 are controlled by varying the potentials of the source of the drain (column 3 lines 18-62).

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These teachings clearly differ from the present application, therefore, claim 28 is considered novel and non-obvious over the prior art and therefore is allowed.

Claim 29 depend on allowable claim 28; therefore claim 29 is also allowed.

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Consider **claim 30**, the best prior art of record found during the examination of the present application, Gerlach (U.S. Patent # 6,518,855) in view of Khabbaz (U.S. Patent # 6,351,183), fail to specifically teach, suggest or disclose a single-die integrated circuit for switching among a plurality of transmission ports and a plurality of received reports, comprising: a transmitter switching section having a plurality of transmission ports, said transmitter switching section operable to switch a selected one of the plurality of transmission ports to a transmission node wherein, for each transmission port, *the transmission switching section includes a plurality of FETs having current paths coupled in series with each other and operable to couple the transmission port to the transmission node; a bypass resistor coupled in parallel with the current paths of the plurality of FETs in series; and a receiver switching section having a plurality of received ports, said receiver switching section operable to switch a selected one of the plurality of received reports to the transmission node.*

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These teachings clearly differ from the present application, therefore, claim 30 is considered novel and non-obvious over the prior art and therefore is allowed.

Conclusion

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